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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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BOX RCE
Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

PATENT TO A PATENT OFFICE 86	
Application Number	09/519,847
Confirmation Number	8169
Filing Date	March 06, 2000
First Named Inventor	Pierre RIPOCHE
Group Art Unit	1731
Examiner Name	John M. HOFFMAN
Matter Number	Q58134
Title	METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 7, 2002
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
 - iv. Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name	<u>Ellen R. Smith</u>	Registration No.	<u>43,042</u>
Signature			
	Date <u>June 18, 2002</u>		